

This specimen was likewise recorded in 'The Auk' (Vol. X, p. 276), by Mr. Wm. Dutcher. I take pleasure in recording two additional specimens. Looking for fall migrants in the Parkville woods—now a part of Brooklyn—my attention was attracted by three or four birds, all apparently of the same species and evidently Flycatchers, in the tops of a scattered group of lofty old trees whose upper branches were dead and leafless. It at once occurred to me that these might be Olive-sided Flycatchers, though the extreme rarity of captures on Long Island was discouraging to the probability of a whole family presenting itself there at one time. In striking contrast to the familiar Kingbird, these birds were extremely shy. The least fearful of them was secured after some difficulty and proved to be a male Olive-sided Flycatcher of the year (date of capture, Aug. 29, 1896). September 1, three days later, in the same woods, a second specimen was taken. This bird was perched among the branches of a large tree which was in full foliage. This specimen was apparently alone, and exhibited none of the shyness which had made the previous capture difficult. This bird is also a male of the year, but measures longer by one half inch than the first.

Helmitherus vermivorus.—This Warbler is not a lover of Long Island's woods. Reaching the northern line of his breeding range at about this latitude, and evidently following regularly a route which does not cross Long Island, his occurrence here is doubtless an exception. A specimen of the Worm-eating Warbler of the year was secured within the present limits of Brooklyn on Sept. 16, 1896. This bird was feeding in company with other Warblers in a low shrubby growth within the borders of a wood. — WILLIAM C. BRAISLIN, *Brooklyn, N. Y.*

Unusual Visits of Birds in Western Massachusetts during 1896.—**Ammodramus sandwichensis savanna.**—A Savanna Sparrow was taken in Longmeadow the 8th of last February at a spot in the vicinity of which it had been repeatedly observed during the six preceding weeks. This is the first record of this species wintering near Springfield.

Agelaius phœniceus.—Close to the same place a small flock of Red-winged Blackbirds stayed from December until March.

Ulula cinerea.—A Great Gray Owl was captured in Blandford, March 4. This is the third of the kind known to have been taken in this county.

Mimus polyglottos.—For a few days during the last part of May a Mockingbird was observed in Ludlow.

Corvus ossifragus.—On the 9th of June a Fish Crow was taken in Springfield. This bird has often been reported as having been seen here, but this is the only instance where its presence has been proved by conclusive evidence.

Uria lomvia.—Two Brunnich's Murres were taken at different points near Springfield on Dec. 19. A heavy gale had just previously prevailed on the coast.—ROBERT O. MORRIS, *Springfield, Mass.*